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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 13, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 29-34 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1.	\boxtimes	An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for 1 month(s):

was filed on March 20, 2003 is submitted herewith.

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Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).

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